includes graduation, post graduation and other professional courses. The segregated data for expenditure on graduation, post graduation and other professional courses is not available in the compiled data of expenditure on higher education. However, the total expenditure on education by the centre and the states during 2004-05 was 10,4564 crore. (Revised Estimates) and total enrolment during 2004-05 was 23.45 crore. This total expenditure of Rs. 104566 crore on education during 2004-05 was 3.68% of the GDP (at factor cost).

**Expansion of technical education system**

†2772. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURU MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need for expansion and development of the technical education system keeping in view the industrial requirement in the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether any target has been fixed for the expansion of this system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Skill Development and Technical Education at various levels are the important requirements for continued accelerated industrial growth in the country. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) which has a responsibility to ensure co-ordinated and integrated development of Technical Education are taking appropriate steps for the promotion of Technical Education in the country. Though, no target(s) have been fixed in this regard. AICTE has projected an annual growth rate of 15 per cent in admissions to Technical Institutions.

**Budgetary allocation on education**

2773. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.